ABSTRACT

Surface finishing of paper or board by applying an aqueous solution (L_w) of a surface-finishing active ingredient (W) to a hydrophilic paper or board sheet (B), in which (W) consists of

 (W_1) polyethylene glycol with an average molecular weight \overline{M}_W of > 1500 and optionally at least one further additive which is a further finishing additive and/or a formulation additive,

and the paper or board sheet surface-treated with (L_w) is fed through smoothing rolls and dried, the surface-finished paper and surface-finished board (B_w) produced, surface finishing agent for this purpose, and the use of the surface-finished paper or board as substrate for graphic processing.